

REMARKS

Restriction requirement

According to the Examiner, the present application contains claims directed to three distinct groups of the claimed invention a first invention described in claims 21-22, 24-26 and 28-33, a second invention described in claims 34-39, and a third invention described in claim 40.

As required under 35 USC § 121, Applicants elect the first invention, i.e. claims 21-22, 24-26 and 28-33 without traverse.

In view of the Examiner's statement that inventions one, two, and three contain embodiments that are patentably distinct from one another, the Applicants expects the Examiner to use a consistent test with respect to what matters are obvious and what matters are unobvious throughout the prosecution of this application.

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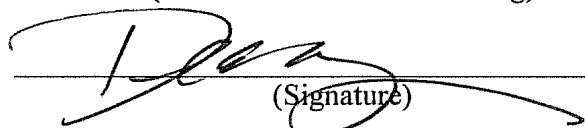
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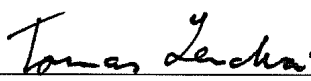


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